

Minutes of the Annual meeting of Bredwardine Parish held at Bredwardine Village Hall on Monday 11th April 2011 at 8pm.

Chairman for the meeting.

Mr Dennis Price Chairman of Wyeseide Parish Council took the chair.

In attendance

Councillors T Thomas D Price and S Whittall. Billy and Michael Smallwood, Sheila Stone, Ted Waring, Wendy Middleton, Jen Maddison, Charlotte Sellar, Sarah and David Morgan, Philip Bauer, Jim Whittall, and Nigel Thomas

Apologies

Alan Maddison, Alan Stone, Graham Middleton and Dil Bowen.

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were signed as a true record.

Matters arising from the minutes

Solar panels- had been very successful over the past year and the Hall was now receiving 43p per unit.

Parish Freighter- This had been most successful but the council had now ended the scheme.

Pot holes- Councillor Thomas had been in touch with Hereford Council Joe Neil and has put in a request for the pot holes in Bredwardine, on the hill and also between the church drive and Old Court to be filled in properly, using some of the £1 million given to the county by government to help with repairs after the very cold winter.

Village Hall.

Members of the Hall Committee have arranged for the windows and doors to be repaired, and a team of volunteers have made an excellent job of painting.

An application to Awards for All for £8500 has been submitted for a new kitchen for the hall.

The meeting was informed that a decision usually takes 2 months and hopefully work would start in late July if application is successful.

Jarvis Charity.

Sheila Stone gave an update on the two charities

Eleemosynary- There is one vacancy in the Alms Houses and the charity has two applications at present. The charity is looking to "go green" but feel that planning may be an obstacle

Education- The new school is up and running and staff and children are happy. It is very energy efficient using a wood chip boiler as the main heat source. There are plans to sell the old school building perhaps as flats, with a planning application for 4 further houses to be built in the grounds thus maximising the income from the sale. A loan was taken out for the building of the school this has to be paid back over the next 3 years. Professional advice was given by

Brighwells, John Amos, Knight Frank and one other for the sale of the old school and grounds.

Staunton School Catchment- Sheila felt that Bredwardine should be included in the catchment area for the school.

Roads

Bredwardine Hill was still causing great problems to local people. The chairman said he would contact Mike Prosser (Wyeseide Parish Council coordinator for roads) and ask if the lengths man could make repairs to the road.

Website

There had been a discussion about the website at Blakemere and members felt it was of no benefit to Bredwardine. Alan Maddison had sent an email to Mr Price thanking the council for their donation towards the website for the year 2010 and asking if a further donation would be available for 2011. The Councillors agreed to contact Mr Maddison and take the proposal to the next Parish Council meeting in May

AOB.

Deposits of horse manure and garden waste.

Charlotte Sellar informed the meeting of the tipping of horse manure in the field and small wood behind the church. The meeting decided that the ownership of the ground should be established before any action is taken. Mr Price said that he would speak to Mr Chester-master of Moccas Estate.

Merbach Hill

Billy Smallwood asked who made decisions over the use of the Common land. Philip Bauer informed the meeting that Merbach Hill Common Society was responsible. The Chairman is Mr T James of Dorstone.

Phone Box

Jim Whittall asked what was happening to the un-loved phone box in the village. Councillor Thomas said that she was putting pressure on BT as it was still their property.

Parish Plan.

Councillor Whittall outlined the original intention of the Parish Plan which was completed by Di Bowen Jen Maddison Sheila Stone and Sue Whittall. Wyeside Parish Council was informed that they should send in one Parish Plan for all of the villages it represents. It was suggested that a Village plan may be a way forward. Councillor Thomas offered to speak with Hereford Council to see if they would now accept a plan from Bredwardine alone.

Memorial Stone.

A memorial stone to is to be placed in the field by Bredwardine Bridge in memory of Stuart Thomson and to ask the public to think about the dangers of water.

Bredwardine Bridge.

Councillor Thomas had approached the Hereford Council with regard to the safety of the bridge. It has been identified for a maintenance inspection in early August. It was agreed to ask that the bridge be closed during the middle of the day.

Mr Jim Whittall thanked the councillors for all of their hard work during the year.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.30pm.

Signed..... Date.....